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The Spirit of the South.

CALL FOR A SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

From the Washington Union.

The People of the Southern States.

The Southern Convention which was held at Jackson

Mississippi, and at Charleston, South Carolina,

representing several States, and embracing

among their members the ablest, most distinguished

and most influential men of the South, have

been preceded by others of equal respectability and even wider

influence, who have met at Richmond, in 1852, at

New Orleans, in 1853, at Baltimore, 1854; New Orleans,

1855; Charleston, 1856; and Richmond, 1856.

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adopted, and their motto, "leave not a shadow behind."

Last Saturday, the 6th inst., was the time agreed upon

for the execution of their damming designs. At a late

hour at night were to make one simultaneous, desperate

house in the County, kill all the whites, save the above

mentioned exception, burn their houses and arms, and

light their way on a bonfire of human blood.

Notwithstanding the intense excitement which moved

the members of our community, and the desperate mea-

sures to which men are liable to resort on such an im-

portant occasion, to which we had been exposed by our in-

dignity and loyalty to our slaves, we must say the people

acted with more caution and deliberation than we before

characterized the action of any people under similar cir-

cumstances.

More than two hundred negroes had violated the law,

the penalty of which is death. But by a unanimous con-

sent the law was withheld and their lives saved, with the

exception of three of the ringleaders, who were, on last

Friday, the 6th inst., 2 o'clock, hanged, with the other

manitous voice of the citizens of the County.

Without exception, every Mexican in the County was

imprisoned. They were arrested and ordered to leave the

County within five days, and never again to return under

the penalty of death. There is one, however, by the

name of Frank, who is proved to be one of the prime

movers of the affair, that was not arrested, but we hope

that he may yet be, and have meted out to him such a

punishment as will prove to be one of the most

effective of any that can be inflicted on a man.

We are satisfied that the large class of the Mexican

population are innocents, in any country where slaves

are held in slavery, and that they are entitled to the

benefit of the Mexican population, we would here

state that a resolution was passed by the unanimous

voice of the citizens of the County, that no Mexican

coming within the limits of the County.

Peace, quiet and good order are again restored, and

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